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SUBJECT: BANK OF CHINA OFFICIALS VISIT TO GERMANY

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1. A HIGH AND KNOWLEDGEABLE DRESDNER BANK OFFICIAL WITH WHOM WE DISCUSSED THE CHINESE VISIT SUBSEQUENT TO THE DISPATCH OF REF A ALSO TAKES THE VIEW THAT THE CHINESE MAY BE WORKING THEMSELVES AROUND TO SEEKING AN ACCEPTABLE WAY TO DRAW UPON OUTSIDE FINANCING THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

2. OUR SOURCE REPORTS THAT THWILE THE CHINESE BANKERS DID NOT INDICATE ANY CHANGE FROM CURRENT POLICY AT THIS TIME THE TYPES AND FREQUENCY OF THEIR QUESTIONS SINGAL THAT THEY MAY BE LOOKING TO WESTERN MONEY MARKETS "PERHAPS NOT IN 1978" BUT NOT LONG THEREAFTER. CONFIDENTIAL

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APART FROM TYPES OF QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE CHINESE OUR SOURCE SPECULATES THAT HUA IS COMMITTED TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND REALIZES THAT NECESSARY IMPORTS OF WESTERN TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE ON A SCALE TOO GREAT TO BE COVERED ON A CURRENT BASIS. IN ADDITION RECONSTRUCTION NEEDS RESULTING FROM EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE CREATE SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL

## DEMANDS FOR IMPORTS.

3. OUR SOURCE ALSO SUGGESTS BUT PURELY AS HIS OWN SPECULATION THAT THE CHINESE MAY FIND A FACE-SAVING DEVICE SUCH AS PERMITTING WESTERN DEPOSITS IN CHINESE BANKS AS A POSSIBLE CREDIT MODALITY TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF AN EXCESSIVELY ABRUPT CHANGE OF POLICY.LEHMANN

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